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SUBJ: GDR AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON UNDERSECRETARY HABIB: GDR CLAIMS ON
ITS RECORD IN HUMANITARIAN CASES.

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1. WE HAVE NOTED WITH INTEREST THE STATEMENT FROM FONMIN FISCHER ON BEHALF OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GDR COUNCIL OF STATE, DELIVERED TO UNDERSECRETARY HABIB BY GDR AMBASSADOR SIEBER, ON THE GDR PERFORMANCE IN PERMANENT FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND BINATIONAL MARRIAGE CASES. THE CLAIM IN THAT MESSAGE THAT ALL SUCH CASES BROUGHT "OFFICIALLY" TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GDR AUTHORITIES BY THE US APPEARS TO US TO BE INACCURATE AND MISLEADING.

2. THE STATEMENT OMITTS THE CATEGORY OF TEMPORARY FAMILY REUNIFICATION OF PRE-PENSIONERS, WHERE THE GDR'S RECORD HAS BEEN POOR, EVEN THOSE CASES WHERE THE US HAS MADE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION.

3. WE HAVE COMMUNICATED OFFICIALLY, E.G. BY NOTE, WHICH
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THE GDR MFA ON THE ACTIVE FOLLOWING CASES OF PERMANENT FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND BINATIONAL MARRIAGE WHICH ARE STILL PENDING AS OF APRIL 28, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE:

A. BAUROTH - SEE BERLIN 5018. NOTE NO. 2, JANUARY 3, 1977.

B. JAEGER - SEE BERLIN 5018. NOTE NO. 2, JANUARY 3, 1977.

C. JOPKE - SEE BERLIN 5713 AND PREVIOUS. NOTE NO.

82, APRIL 21, 1976; NOTE NO. 311, DECEMBER 9, 1976, NOTE NO. 62, MARCH 2, 1977.

4. COMMENT: IT IS UNDOUBTEDLY TRUE THAT MANY OF OUR CASES HAVE BEEN SOLVED, PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE LAST SIX MONTHS, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE TWO GROUPS RELEASED IN AUTUMN, 1976 AND APRIL, 1977. HOWEVER, THE THREE CASES NOTED ABOVE ARE STILL OUTSTANDING. WE HAVE OTHER CASES IN OUR FILES WHERE THE APPLICATION TO MARRY AND/OR LEAVE HAVE BEEN UNDER PROCESSING FOR SOME MONTHS AND WERE WE WILL HAVE TO APPROACH THE MFA SHORTLY IF RESULTS DO NOT BEGIN TO APPEAR IN THEM SOON. FINALLY, MANY OF THE RESOLVED CASES WERE CLOSED ONLY AFTER THE PERSONS CONCERNED WERE SUBJECTED TO VARYING DEGREES OF HARASSMENT.

5. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER PASSING THE GDR EMBASSY THE NAMES AND NOTE REFERENCES OF THE THREE CASES NOTED IN PARA. 3 ABOVE AS STILL PENDING, ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIONS WERE MADE IN THEM BETWEEN FOUR MONTHS AND ONE YEAR AGO.POLANSKY

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